

IN THE CLAIMS:

The following is a complete listing of the claims in this application, reflects all changes currently being made to the claims, and replaces all earlier versions and all earlier listings of the claims:

1. (Currently Amended) A recording apparatus, for causing a recording unit for recording to record on a recording material sheet or a disc, comprising:

~~a conveying roller for conveying a recording material or a tray on which the recording material is mounted;~~

~~a carriage lifting mechanism for changing an interval between the for mounting the recording unit thereon and for conveying the recording material, and unit;~~

a guide member for guiding the conveyance of said carriage;

a platen for guiding a rear surface of the sheet or a tray on which the disc is mounted, at a position opposed to the recording unit;

a lifting mechanism for changing an interval between the recording unit and said platen, said lifting mechanism being capable of lifting said guide member irrespective of a position of said carriage;

a cleaning unit for maintaining/recovering a function of the recording unit[[,]];

wherein, ~~in accordance with a separation instruction to separate the recording unit from the recording material, an interval between the recording unit and the recording material is changed before a recording operation is started by the recording unit,~~
and

~~wherein a position of the recording unit is returned to a predetermined position before a cleaning operation is started by the cleaning unit~~

control means for changing the interval between the recording unit and said platen to a predetermined one when said cleaning unit executes a cleaning operation.

2. (Currently Amended) A recording apparatus according to claim 1, wherein the recording unit is ~~separated~~ movable in ~~[[the]]~~ a heightwise direction~~[[;]]~~, and wherein, before ~~[[the]]~~ a recording operation is initiated, the position of the recording unit is progressively changed in the heightwise direction, and the recording unit is returned to the initial height position before the cleaning operation is initiated.

3. (Currently Amended) A recording apparatus according to claim 2, wherein height positions for the recording unit ~~[[are]]~~ comprise a normal position for performing ~~normal~~ recording on the sheet, and a CD position for ~~recording data on a CD~~ performing recording on the disc mounted on ~~[[a]]~~ the tray, ~~and wherein the height positions of the recording unit are switched in accordance with the separation instruction.~~

4. (Currently Amended) A recording apparatus according to claim 2, wherein height positions for the recording unit ~~[[are]]~~ comprise a normal position for performing ~~normal~~ recording on a thick the sheet and a thick sheet position for performing recording ~~[[data]]~~ on ~~thick sheet~~, and a CD position for ~~recording data on a CD~~ the disc mounted on ~~[[a]]~~ the tray, ~~and wherein the height positions of the recording unit are switched in accordance with the separation instruction.~~

5. (Currently Amended) A recording apparatus according to claim 1, wherein ~~[[the]]~~ a separation instruction for use in controlling the height position of the recording unit is issued by a signal transmitted by a host.

6. (Currently Amended) A recording apparatus according to claim 1, wherein ~~[[the]]~~ a separation instruction for use in controlling the height position of the recording unit is issued by a signal based on a sensor in the recording apparatus.

7. (Currently Amended) A recording apparatus according to claim 1, wherein ~~[[the]]~~ said cleaning unit includes a capping member for covering the recording unit and a wiping member for wiping the recording unit.

8. (New) A recording apparatus according to claim 1, further comprising a discharge roller for discharging the sheet, and a spur driven to rotate by the discharge roller wherein the discharge roller and the spur are separated from each other when recording is performed on a disc.